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Join California State Parks In California's Largest Volunteer Event – California Coastal Cleanup Day

SACRAMENTO - California State Parks is joining communities and organizations throughout California to participate in the 26th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 25. Once again, the department is participating with other agencies and corporate sponsors in this statewide program to demonstrate that environmental stewardship is everyone's responsibility.

California Coastal Cleanup Day, coordinated statewide by the California Coastal Commission, is the premier marine environment volunteer event in the country. In 2009, more than 80,600 volunteers worked together to collect more than 1,300,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from our beaches, lakes, and waterways. The event is hailed by the Guinness Book of World Records as "the largest garbage collection" (1993). Since the program started in 1985, over 800,000 Californians have removed more than 14 million pounds of debris from our state's shorelines and coast.

California State Parks Director Ruth Coleman said, "We invite everyone to join us for this outstanding event and participate in the largest volunteer project in California. We're proud of the volunteers who return year after year to help clean up our parks and beaches."

To participate, volunteers are asked to contact parks and beaches in their community or call the statewide coordinator of the event, the California Coastal Commission, at (800) COAST-4U or www.coastforyou.org.

For more information about the cleanup projects on-line, go to <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/>

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